

~~having a width extending between the side walls and a depth extending from the front wall to the back wall, the front wall having a circular opening defined therein;~~

an annular flange projecting from the circular opening defined in the front wall of the upper portion, the annular flange being adapted for attachment to a clothes dryer outlet;

at least one L-shaped mounting flange having a first portion having a first end and a second end, the first end perpendicularly attached to, and extending outward from said front wall, the second end perpendicularly attached to a second portion, the second portion extending parallel to said front wall, said second portion of each said at least one L-shaped mounting flange having an aperture therein, and is design and configured to be coupled to a drywall surface;

a said lower portion having a rectangular inlet joined to the rectangular open bottom end of the upper portion and having a rectangular outlet end, the outlet end having a greater perimeter than the inlet;

~~an annular flange projecting from the circular opening defined in the front wall of the upper portion, the annular flange being adapted for attachment to a clothes dryer outlet;~~ and

an outlet tube extending from the outlet end of the lower portion;

wherein said upper portion has a width and depth dimension and configured for disposing the upper portion between adjacent studs of a wall, the lower portion being adapted for expanding cross-sectional area of the tubular body on a side of a floor partition opposite the upper portion.

Claim 2. (*Original*) The in-wall dryer vent according to claim 1, further comprising:

a mounting flange extending from the top end of said upper portion, the mounting flange being L-shaped and having a first wall extending from said upper portion and a second wall normal to the first wall and extending toward the back of the tubular body, the second wall being adapted for attachment to a cross beam extending between the adjacent studs.

Claim 3. (*Canceled*)

Claim 4. (*Original*) The in-wall dryer vent according to claim 1, wherein said upper portion has a width of less than sixteen inches and a depth of less than three and one-half inches, whereby said upper portion is dimensioned and configured for being placed between two-by-four studs spaced sixteen inches on center.

Claim 5. (*Original*) The in-wall dryer vent according to claim 1, wherein said upper portion and said lower portion are constructed from metal.

Claim 6. (*Original*) The in-wall dryer vent according to claim 1, wherein said upper portion and said lower portion are constructed from plastic.

Claim 7. (*Original*) The in-wall dryer vent according to claim 1, wherein said lower portion has a width of less than sixteen inches, and has a depth of less than three and one-half inches at the inlet and at least four inches at the outlet end.

Claim 8. (*Original*) The in-wall dryer vent according to claim 1, wherein said annular flange has a diameter of about four inches.

Claim 9. (*Original*) The in-wall dryer vent according to claim 1, wherein said outlet tube has a diameter of about four inches, being adapted for attachment to dryer exhaust piping.

Claim 10. (*Original*) The in-wall dryer vent according to claim 1, wherein the lower portion as a bottom wall normal to said outlet tube.

Claim 11. (*Original*) The in-wall dryer vent according to claim 1, wherein the lower portion has a bottom wall sloping inward towards said outlet tube.

Claim 12. (*Proposed New*) The in-wall dryer vent according to claim 1, wherein said at least one L-shaped mounting flange includes a plurality of mounting flanges spaced equidistantly around said annular flange of said front wall.